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SUBJECT: FY 78 FMS TRAINING FOR UAE: UPT

REFS: A. AMEMB ABU DHABI MSG 3528, 260842Z DEC 77

- B. HQ USAF/LGFT 111501Z JAN 78
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- E. AMEMB ABU DHABI MSG 0293, 021132Z FEB 78
- F. MASM III, CHPTR J, PARA 3
- 1. REF MSGS CONCERN UPT FOR 13 UAE AIR FORCE CADETS FOLLOWING ELT AT DLIELC IN FY 78 UNDER FMS PROGRAM.
- 2. ONE IMPORTANT POINT WHICH UNFORTUNATELY WAS NOT CONTAINED IN REF A OR IN SUBSEQUENT EMBASSY MESSAGES CONCERNS CURRENT CAPABILITIES IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE OF THESE 13 CADIDATES FOR UPT. ACTUAL ELC LEVELS BASED ON ELT ADMINISTERED 19-20 DEC 77 RANGE FROM HIGH OF 46 (TWO INDIVIDUALS) TO LOW OF 15. MEAN IS ABOUT 31. IAW REF F, ENTRY OF THESE CADETS INTO DLIELC WOULD CLEARLY REQUIRE UNCLASSIFIED

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EXCEPTION BY USAF TO MINIMUM STANDARDS.

3. EMBASSY HAS REVIEWED WITH UAE ARMED FO4\$\* \$843:59R OF TRAINING AND WITH UAE AIR FORCE COMMANDER POSSIBILITY OF THESE STUDENTS RECEIVING ENGLISH LANGUAGE INSTRUCTION IN-COUNTRY AND HAS BEEN INFORMED SUCH FACILITIES ARE NOT AVAILABLE. THEREFORE SEEMS LITTLE POSSIBILITY THAT

RETESTING WOULD SHOW ANY SIGNIFICANT INPROVEMENT IN THESE SCORES.

- 4. UAE ARMED FORCES CLEARLY UNDERSTANDS THAT THESE CADETS ARE SERIOUSLY DEFICIENT IN ENGLISH COMPREHENSION AND COULD REQUIRE EXTENSIVE PERIODFBF ELT. UAE IS PREPARED TO FOOT BILL FOR THIS. IMPORTANT THING IS TO GET CADETS INTO AN ENGLISH-SPEAKING ENVIRONMENT WHERE THEY CAN RECEIVE PROPER INSTRUCTION IN ENGLISH. AS MOST SO-CALLED ENGLISH LANGUAGE INSTRUCTIORS IN UAE SCHOOLS AND TRAINING PROGRAMS ARE THEMSELVES FROM NON-ENGLISH SPEAKING COUNTRIES AND OFTEN POORLY PREPARED, WE ANTICIPATE THAT BURDEN OF BRINGING UPT CADETS AND OTHER POTENTIAL UAE TRAINEES UP TO PROPER ECLS WILL HAVE TO FALL ON DLIELC.
- 5. PLEASE ADVISE IF EXCEPTIONS CAN BE GRANTED. DICKMAN

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